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## 1. Security Measures

A boarding party consisting of four customs officials, one agricultural inspector, one health inspector, who was a woman doctor, one agent's representative, and a military search team of six soldiers and two officers

The ship was required to provide two crewmen to assist the search team; ship's officers not being acceptable to function in this capacity. The crew and officers were required to surrender their passports to one of the officers on the inspecting team, and they were returned after about four days along with shore leave cards. Going on shore leave was a complicated procedure of having passports and liberty cards examined at two check points between the ship and the waterfront gate. Liberty expired at midnight. The Soviets imposed no restrictions on the use of cameras, either aboard ship or ashore, but because of apprehension or mistrust most crew members were reluctant to take advantage of this privilege.

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## 2. Port Facilities

the piers are shown as "Demolished" on H O Chart 4217, but the harbor is still cluttered with wrecks.

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numerous Soviet and Bloc country vessels came into port, were loaded expeditiously, and departed.

Petra Pier, 44°43'55"N - 37°47'25"E

The pier has

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been extended in length by the device of permanently securing a tanker to its end. With this method, four deep draft vessels can be accommodated simultaneously for loading, one on each side of the pier, and one on each side of the tanker.

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the oil had been hauled by tank cars from a field located in the region of the Ural Mountains. It required 36 trains

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The oil was of excellent quality; and after discharging it, there was no sediment in the tanks, the cleaning of which was accomplished by the simple process of washing them down with water hoses.

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### 3. Naval Activity and Merchant Shipping

large number of Soviet minesweepers operating around the port of Novorossisk. three small submarines and several destroyer

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There is a naval base at Novorossisk

Minesweeping exercises were conducted night and day outside the harbor close to the approach lanes. some of the maneuvering or tactical signals were issued and executed by means of search light signals from ashore. The port of Novorossisk was extremely active

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the bulk of the merchant shipping consisting of vessels flying Soviet and Satellite flags.

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### 4. Coastal Defenses and Weather

no radar facilities or gun emplacements but structures which were military installations of some type, commanding the approach to the port and located at 44°41'15"N - 37°47'50"E and 44°41'00"N - 37°52'55"E. Some of the search light signals appeared to emanate from these locations. icing of a ship during a type of storm called the Bora, peculiar to this region of the Black Sea.

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serious icing to a ship could occur in a period of 45 minutes during the Bora.

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### 5. Economic Conditions

Novorossisk is a city of approximately 200 thousand population. While the production of cement is the principal local industry, the city is also significant as an export terminal for oil and grain.

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The benefits of high production in these key industries do not reach the average citizen judging by appearances. Civilians, for the most part, are very poorly dressed, while military personnel seem to be wealthy in terms of clothes, spending money and dietary provisions. Large scale construction of low-cost housing units is in progress, but the individual apartments are little more than four walls with a single electric light fixture hanging down from the ceiling. The streets and roads of the city are in deplorable condition.

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In conjunction with an existing drive against alcoholism, a limit of 100 grams of vodka per person per day has been imposed.

### 6. Propaganda

The International Seamen's Club at Novorossisk is maintained by the government as an elaborate propaganda mill. Literature, radio broadcasts, and hostesses serve as devices to propagate the party line. Deception becomes

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immediately manifest when the intended victim steps from the lavish surroundings of the club only to witness the glaring poverty and dejection of the average citizen. [REDACTED]

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